

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  Frey, et al.  Application No.: 10/720,656  Filed: 11/24/2003  For: DISTRACTION AND RETRACTION SYSTEM FOR SPINAL SURGERY  Customer No.: 88513	Confirmation No. 4638  Examiner: Schillinger, Ann M  Technology Center/Art Unit: 3774  <u>AMENDMENT</u>
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In response to the Office Action mailed 2/17/2009, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.